



FUNERAL SERVICE FOR Norbert William Pomeranke
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, MENASHA, WI
FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2025

A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Stand

HYMN ~ I'M BUT A STRANGER HERE

LSB 748

INVOCATION

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

Romans 6:3-5

P In Holy Baptism Norbert William Pomerence was clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all her sin. St. Paul says, "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?"

C **We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His.**

PSALM

Psalm 23

P The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

C **He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.**

P He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

C **Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

P You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

C **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

ALL **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

Sit

HYMN ~ AMAZING GRACE

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Stand

KYRIE

Mark 10:47

- P** Lord, have mercy upon us.
C Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you. 2 Timothy 4:22
C And also with you.
P Let us pray.
O God of grace and mercy, we give thanks for Your loving-kindness shown to Norbert Pomerence and to all Your servants who, having finished their course in faith, now rest from their labors. Grant that we also may be faithful unto death and receive the crown of eternal life, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

Sit

HYMN ~ HOW GREAT THOU ART

LSB 801

OLD TESTAMENT ~ Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

- P** This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

SOLO ~ BE NOT AFRAID Bruce Buksyk

GRADUAL

Philippians 4:12-13

- P** I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through [Christ] who strengthens me.

EPISTLE ~ *Philippians 4:4-7*

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

VERSE

[Revelation 1:5-6]

P Alleluia, alleluia. Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead;

C **to Him be glory and power forever. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL ~ *St. Luke 25:25-32*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, "Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

APOSTLES' CREED

P God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sit

HYMN ~ I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES

LSB 461

SERMON ~ "Depart in Peace"

Luke 25:25-32

DUET ~ SOFTLY AND TENDERLY JESUS IS CALLING Bruce Buksyk and Connie Henkel

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

- P** Let us pray to the Lord, our God and Father, who raised Jesus from the dead.
- P** Almighty God, You have knit Your chosen people together into one communion in the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Give to Your whole Church in heaven and on earth Your light and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life and so pass with Him through the gate of death and the grave to our joyful resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Grant that all who have been nourished by the holy body and blood of Your Son may be raised to immortality and incorruption to be seated with Him at Your heavenly banquet. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Give to the family of *Norbert Pomerence* and to all who mourn comfort in their grief and a sure confidence in Your loving care that, casting all their sorrow on You, they may know the consolation of Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Give courage and faith to the bereaved, that within the communion of Your Church they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the assurance of a holy and certain hope and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love who have departed in the faith. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

P Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and find comfort in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Receive our thanks for *Norbert Pomerence* and for all the blessings You bestowed on him in this earthly life. Bring us at last to our heavenly home that with him we may see You face to face in the joys of paradise. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O God of all grace, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light. We give You thanks that by His death He destroyed the power of death and by His resurrection He opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Strengthen us in the confidence that because He lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life nor things present nor things to come will be able to separate us from Your love, which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

C **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from ✠ evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

NUNC DIMITTIS

John 11:25-26; Luke 2:29-32

P “I am the resurrection and the life,” says the Lord. “He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die.”

C **Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of every people:**

**a light to reveal You to the nations
and the glory of Your people Israel.**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P “I am the resurrection and the life,” says the Lord. “He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die.”

CONCLUDING COLLECT

2 Timothy 4:22

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Lord God, our shepherd, You gather the lambs of Your flock into the arms of Your mercy and bring them home. Comfort us with the certain hope of the resurrection to everlasting life and a joyful reunion with those we love who have died in the faith; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

[Psalm 103:1]

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and T give you peace.

C **Amen.**

HYMN ~ Abide with Me

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✠ *Soli Deo Gloria* ✠

PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE

Officiant *Rev. Keith E. GeRue*

Organist *Mrs. Mary Ellen Pomeranke*

Vocalist *Mr. Bruce Buksyk and Mrs. Connie Henkel*

Elders on Duty *Mr. Bart Nielsen • Mr. David Little • Mr. Craig Thomas • Mr. Roger Voigt*

Pallbearers *BJ Acaley • Peter Fenlon • Eric Heid • Jonathon Heid • Joshua Heid • Charles Oberweiser • Eric Pomeranke • Shawn Pomeranke*



Norbert William Pomeranke
April 17, 1929 — January 7, 2025

Norbert William Pomeranke, age 95, passed away on Tuesday, January 7, 2025 at Oak Park Place where he had been a resident since December, 2019. Norbert was born on April 17, 1929 at home in the Town of Belmont, Wisconsin to the late Henry William and Verna Mae (Pike) Pomeranke.

Norbert spent his childhood on various farms in Waupaca and Portage counties. The eldest of 12 children, Norbert started working at a young age at area farms to help support the family. In 1949, Norbert began work at what was then known as the Waupaca County Asylum as a farmhand. It was here that he met Ruth, the love of his life. Norbert worked here until 1951 when he left to work at the Waupaca Brick Yard. He hoped to make a better wage here, however, Uncle Sam had a different idea. No longer working in the farming industry, Norbert received papers requiring him to report for active duty. He was inducted into the Army on July 10, 1951. After training, Norbert was sent to Korea, where he served until his honorable discharge on May 7, 1953. On July 18, 1953, Norbert was united in marriage to Ruth Price. During their almost 63 years of marriage, Norbert and Ruth had 6 children.

Upon discharge, Norbert began a career at Kimberly Clark where he was employed until January 1, 1990. Along with work at Kimberly Clark, Norbert also had many “part-time” jobs, including – painting, yard work, maintenance and driving school bus. Norbert actually drove bus until the age of 84, having driven for 54 years. After retiring from Kimberly Clark, Norbert spent a lot of his time tending to his vegetable and flower gardens. His cannas were a passion of his, digging the bulbs every fall and planting them again in the spring. A member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Menasha, Norbert served on various boards and was an active member of the congregation and Trinity Lutheran School. On many occasions, Norbert could be found painting either the church or school rooms when maintenance needed to be done. Norbert had a strong faith in his Lord and Savior and practiced his faith throughout his life.

Norbert is survived by his daughters Susan (David) Acaley, Marian (William) Fenlon and Janine Heid; his sons David (Carmela) Pomeranke, Douglas (Mary Ellen) Pomeranke and Ronald Pomeranke. He is further survived by fourteen grandchildren Michelle (Brody) Rice, Therese (Pavel) Tishakov, BJ (Michelle) Acaley, Emily Fenlon, Peter (Gaby Neuman-fiancé) Fenlon, Victoria Fenlon, Eric (Sarah Iverson) Heid, Jonathan Heid, Joshua (Madhuvanthi Sridhar) Heid, Eric Pomeranke, David Pomeranke, Jr., Angela (Jon) Kvalheim, Shaun (Katie Lohr) Pomeranke, Charles (Crys) Oberweiser. He is also further survived by nine great-grandchildren Mark Rice, Alaena Rice, Gregor Tishakov, Evan Tishakov, Adele Acaley, Rory Acaley, Alexandria Pomeranke, Colton Kvalheim and Cooper Kvalheim. Siblings LeRoy (Martha) Pomeranke, Donavin Pomeranke, Beverly Dunbar and Darlene Thomas.

Norbert was preceded in death by his wife Ruth on January 3, 2016; his parents; grandson Mark Acaley and siblings Duane Pomeranke, Leslie Pomeranke, Dwight Pomeranke, Neil Pomeranke, Wesley Pomeranke, Doris Corbin and Alfred Pomeranke.

The family would like to thank Jen and staff at Oak Park Place for their thoughtful care and dedication of Norbert during his stay.